

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE, JOB DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES

Revised December 1, 2009 2010

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Collins, Vice Chairman Schneider, Commissioners Gorman, Sims and Suffredin (5)

Absent: (0)

Also Present: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Daley and Steele; Arthur L. Turner, Director, President's Office of Employment Training (P.O.E.T.); Jack Fitzpatrick, Employment and Employer Services

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Workforce, Job Development and Training Opportunities of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

309791 PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (P.O.E.T.) by Arthur L. Turner, Director, transmitting a Communication, dated November 10, 2010: requesting authorization to renew a grant in the amount of \$13,197,785.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO), Springfield, Illinois, for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1 services.

309792 PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (P.O.E.T.) by Arthur L. Turner, Director, transmitting a Communication, dated November 10, 2010: requesting authorization to accept additional funds in the amount of \$1,541,343.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO), Springfield, Illinois, for the American Recovery Act of 2009, Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to defer Communication Nos. 309791 and 309792 to the board meeting of December 14, 2010. The motion carried.

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Chairman Collins stated job training and development should be a top priority for Cook County. The Workforce, Job Development and Training Opportunities Committee should be a committee of the whole, and it should be a goal to establish a working subcommittee to work in collaboration with Director Arthur Turner of P.O.E.T.

Commissioner Sims inquired about the four benchmarks the State of Illinois required from the Cook County's, President's Office of Employment Training Department.

Arthur L. Turner, Director, President's Office of Employment Training stated the benchmarks are in place.

Commissioner Gorman asked in deferring the items would the Cook County Board jeopardize the grant funding.

Mr. Turner stated no.

Commissioner Daley inquired as to whether a performance audit is prepared on the vendors.

Chairman Collins stated audits were performed for fiscal and program performance.

Chairman Collins asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

PUBLIC SPEAKER

- 1) Jack Fitzpatrick – Employment and Employer Services

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER
NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 309791 Deferred

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Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Workforce, Job Development
and Training Opportunities

Earlean Collins, Chairman

Attest:

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

The complete audio recording of this meeting is available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.